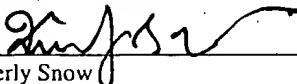
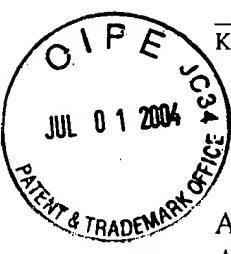


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 7, 2003 in the above-identified application, the period for response to which has been extended to November 7, 2003 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please consider the following:

A list of the **Claims** as currently pending begins on page 2 of this paper. (None of the claims are amended.)

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.